REMARKS

<u>Interview</u>

Applicants' attorney expresses appreciation for courtesy extended by Examiner Baoquoc N. To in the series of E-mail messages and telephone interviews initiated by the Examiner on 20 Sep 2004 to suggest and agree to certain changes to claims 1, 7, 26, 29, 36 and 37 to place the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2 and 6-37 have been allowed, and this amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is submitted to correct minor errors not amounting to new matter.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1, 2 and 6-37.

The Application is believed to be in condition for issuance and such action by the Examiner is urged. Should differences remain, however, which do not place one/more of END920000156US1

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the remaining claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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